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# GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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*Serial Nos.* 5, 30, 36, 37 & 38

**Part B for** October 18

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SUBJECT.

Forwards for information Copies of a letter from the D.C Bangalore Dt re arrangements made at Bloscpet to sell ragi at 13 Seers per rupee

38) from The D. C. Bangalore

No. C 1200 Dt 15/16-10-18

Submits an extract from the judgement of the Amildar Magistrate Doddaballapur re the case of looting

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Sri. Ramiahba Rao

12/12/18

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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FILE HEADING.

Disturbances of peace due to high prices of foodstuffs etc

From

The Rev Cmr in Mysore

No. C 1137 Dated 18/20. 9. 18 Received 21. 9. 18

| Diary No. 5244 | Enclos. 2 Spare Copies. | Serial No. 5 |
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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards for information copies of a letter from the Dy Cmr. Bangalore Dist. regarding arrangements made at Closepet to sell rice at 13 lbs the rupee for rupee.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

1) Subd
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23/9/18
Clerk

2) To perusal.

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5) Extract sent

6) Dewan

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| 30 | From the Dy Comr Kolar No C 1137 dy 9-10-18 forwards for info Bangalore Dy Comr's letter regarding the arrangements made at Kamasandra Kankalli for selling rapi & rice at reasonable rates. 9) Submd for perusal Hg 11/10/18 Extra Member Dewan 10) For perusal 11/10/18 11) Seen Peel 14.10.18 |
| 36 | From the Offg. Dy Comm. Bangalore Dt. No. C. 1200/18-19 dy 10.10.18. Reports of an attempted looting in the Shandy at Melakote in the Doddaballapur Taluk on the 7th Oct. 18. |
| 37 | From the I. G. of Police No. C 199 dy 12.10.18. Informs of the attempted looting referred to in Sl. 36. 12) Submitted 15.10.18 |

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1316-259 / 16.10.18.

13) Seen Peel 16.10.18 Extra Member 16/10/18

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S POLITICAL BRANCH 21 SEP. 1918

From 15258

The *Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.*

To Chief
*The Secretary to the Government of*
*H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,*
~~*Department.*~~

Dated
Bangalore, 18th September
Despatched 20- 1918.
Received
General No. C 1137-42/18-1 REV. SEC. 18 Sept
Enclosure No. 2 18 SEP 1918

SUBJECT.

Forwarding copies of letter from the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District regarding arrangements made at Closepet Kasaba to sell ragi at 13 or 14 seers per rupee.

National Press, Bangalore.—1,000—20-9-1917

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

No. C 1137/42/2

*Bangalore,* ~~181~~ 20 September 1918.

(5)

FROM

K.R. Srinivasiengar Esquire, M.A.,

*Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.*

To

Chief
*The Secretary to the Government of*
*His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,*
*Department.*

SIR.

I have the honor to forward herewith for the information of Government copies of letter No. C. 150/H.O. 18-19 dated the 17th instant and its enclosure from the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District regarding arrangements made at Closepet Kasaba to sell ragi at 13 or 14 seers per rupee.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K R Srinivasiengar

Revenue Commissioner.

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Letter No. C. 150/H.O. of 18-19 dated ~~Bx~~ 17th September 1918 from the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of letter dated the 14th September 1918 from the Deputy Amildar of Closepet in re the arrangements made by him to sell ragi in small quantities at the rate of 13 or 14 seers per rupee according to quality.

"C o p y"

For Revenue Commissioner.

V.M.R.

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT. II POLITICAL BRANCH. 11 OCT. 1918

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From The *Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.*

To

*The Secretary to the Government of*
*H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,*
Revenue *Department.*

Dated 8 October 1918.
Despatched
9-OCT 1918
Received
General No. C1137
Enclosure No. one

SUBJECT.

Forwards Bangalore Deputy Commissioner's letter reporting on the arrangements made at Kankanhalli Kasba for selling rice and ragi at reasonable rates.

10)

Letter No.C.1040/18-19 dated 28th September 1918 from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

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I have the honor to state that the Amildar of Kankanhalli reports that he convened a meeting of the leading merchants of the Kankanhalli Town on the 18th instant to discuss the question of the high rate of food stuffs and it was then resolved that private subscriptions should be collected and Government approached to sanction an equal sum towards the fund.

In the meanwhile the marginally noted gentlemen have undertaken to sell ragi at 14 seers per rupee up to 20 candies on the 21st September 1918 and at 15 seers per rupee from next week onwards and rice at the rate of 5 seers per rupee up to 10 pallas

Ragi :
1. Mr.Venkatramanagowda :
2. Mr.Thimmegowda :
3. Mr.Pacha Saheb :
4. Mr.Abdul Rahiman :
5. Mr.Bajjan Saheb :
Rice :
Mr.Chennabasappa :

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C o p y '

For Revenue Commissioner.

H.V.

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SECRETARIAT II POLITICAL BRANCH. OCT. 1918
C 12490/18-19

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District.
Dated Bangalore, 10th October'18.

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DIARY NO. 6486

T.Chokkanna, Esq., B.A.,
Offg: Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

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To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.
Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that the Amildar of Dodballapur reports that a few people of Dodballapur Taluk, and a few budmashes of Chickballapur Taluk, attempted looting in the Shandy at Melekote on 7th October 1918, and actually removed a few pieces of cloth from some shops there. The Police guarding the shandy took the heads of a few people gathered there and promptly took steps to arrest the culprits and 9 persons are reported to have been apprehended with the pieces abstracted. Further investigation is in the hands of the Police. The value of the property looted is reported to fall between Rs.100/- to 150/-.

2. A further report will be submitted on receipt of further details called for from the Amildar.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Offg: Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

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7)

Letter dated Camp, Bangalore, 14th September 1918, from the Deputy Amildar of Closepet Sub Taluk, to the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

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I beg to report that on the 12th instant, all the merchants in Closepet Town who were selling ragi closed the sale of Ragi stating that they had no stock of it, probably with a view to enhance the price, after preparing the people to accept the higher rates by starving them a little. About 5 O'clock in the the evening a number of cooly classes were found walking about the streets with baskets anxious to find somebody selling ragi to them at any price. It all reached my attention and, I immediately went to the Bazar Street to find over a hundred people, Mahommedans and Pariahs, assembled in two or three separate groups and they all began to demand relief. I tried to collect the merchants and advise them about the gravity of the situation. They could not be so easily brought round that evening as they continued to represent that they had no stock of ragi with them. I, however, succeeded to pursuade one Mr. Gangiah Chetty to expose his stock which was about 10 candies for immediate sale. Two candies were sold before night and all the people assembled were appeased. Vigilent Police watch was maintained in all parts of the town. Early next morning a meeting of the leading merchants and land holders, who were supposed to possess large stocks of ragi, was held in the Taluk Office when the consequences of driving the masses to feel the pinch of starvation were emphatically brought to the notice of all assembled. These gentlemen very wisely consented to do all they could to make the situation. Accordingly several of them promised to throw open reasonable portions of their stock for the use of the public. 60 candies were then placed at my disposal for sale at 13 to 14 seers per rupee according to quality. Arrangement was made

made to sell this quantity through agents approved of in the meeting in the course of one month for sums not exceeding eight annas per person except in special cases. Crowds of people began to assemble in the streets that morning also, mostly women and children of the pariah class, but they found ragi available without any difficulty whatever. About 10 in the morning things assumed their their nominal condition. I was in town till evening and saw no development. Adequate arrangements have been made in this respect and I am sure there is no room for anxiety.

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" C o p y "

For Revenue Commissioner.

B.R.

11)

URGENT.

SECRETARIAT. II POLITICAL BRANCH. OCT. 1918

C 12490/18-19

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District.
Dated Bangalore, 10th October'18.

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From
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T.Chokkanna, Esq., B.A.,
Offg: Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

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To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that the Amildar of Dodballapur reports that a few people of Dodballapur Taluk, and a few budmashes of Chickballapur Taluk, attempted looting in the Shandy at Melekote on 7th October 1918, and actually removed a few pieces of cloth from some shops there. The Police guarding the shandy took the heals of a few people gathered there and promptly took steps to arrest the culprits and 9 persons are reported to have been apprehended with the pieces abstracted. Further investigation is in the hands of the Police. The value of the property looted is reported to fall between Rs.100/- to 150/-.

2. A further report will be submitted on receipt of further details called for from the Amildar.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Offg: Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

L.S.R.
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No. C-199 Office of the Inspector General of Police in Mysore,

Dated Camp Mysore, 12th October 1918.

P.P. 607-18

From

Mir Hamza Husein, Esqr., B.A. B.L.,

Offg. Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esqr., B.A.

Chief Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.
POLITICAL BRANCH.
15 OCT. 1918

Sir,

I have the honour to state, for the information of Government, that the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, reports that a few people of the Dodballapur and Chikballapur Taluks attempted looting in the shandy at Melekote on the 7th instant, and actually removed a few pieces of cloth from some shops there, that the Police on duty at the shandy took the help of a few people and arrested 9 persons and recovered from them the pieces of clothing abstracted, that the value of the property looted amounts to about Rs.150 and that the further investigation of the case is proceeding.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Mir Hamza Husein

Offg. Inspector General of Police.

From
The Inspector General of Police
in Mysore

To The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Mysore

Dated 12th October 1910

No C. 199

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Reporting that a
small disturbance in
the shandy at Melekote
Pandavapura District on the
7th October 1910.

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District. (13)
Bangalore, dated 15th/16 Oct. 1918.

No. C 1200

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From

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DIARY NO.....

J. Chokkanna Esqr. B.A.
Offg. Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District.

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To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esqr. B.A.
Chief Secretary to the Government
of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.
Bangalore.

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Sir,

In continuation of this office no. C 1200 dated the 10th instant in the matter of looting of some cloth shops in the Melekote Sauthe in the Doddballapur Taluk, I have the honor to submit herewith an extract of the Judgment Order delivered by the Amildar-Magistrate on 11-10-1918. From this it will be seen that all the culprits except one who has been given the benefit of doubt, have been convicted. The prompt intervention of the Police Inspector of the Taluk, and the bold action of the Patel of the village are reported to deserve credit.

The deterrent punishment awarded to the culprits will, it is hoped, bring peace and order in the neighbouring Shandies.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
J. Chokkanna
Offg. Deputy Commissioner.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
POLITICAL BRANCH
27 OCT. 1918

17 OCT 1918

In the Court of the Amildar and I'I Class Magistrate of Dodballapur.

Dated 11th October 1918.

Present :- M. Kesaviah Esqr., B.A., II Class Magistrate

Criminal case 52 of 18-19.

| Complainant : | Accused. |
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| Government : | 1. Munisami.<br>2. G. Muniya.<br>3. Narasa.<br>4. Lagumi.<br>5. Beera.<br>6. Hanumantha<br>7. Vobaliga.<br>8. Hanuma.<br>9. E. Muniya. |

1. The Police of Dodballapur charge-sheeted on 10-10-18 the above 9 accused persons that they looted the clothes shops in the Melekote Santhe on 7010-18, the offences punishable under Secs. 147 and 379 I.P.C.

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10. As for sentences I have deeply considered the question after holding the accused guilty except the 8th accused in whose case ~~the~~ there is some doubt whose benefit he is entitled to. These are troublesome times. Trade is paralysed viz. to high prices and uncertain future regards the Agricultural outlook. Thus if the interests of the tradesmen is not safeguarded against this plundering class various complications might arise and the public safety may be at stake. I think therefore a deterrant punishment is necessary.

11. It is gratifying to observe that very timely and immediate intervention of the Police Inspector who was on the spot luckily has contributed largely to the successful capturing of a part of the gangwith substantial evidence to bring home the guilt to them. Such looting is becoming very frequent of late and to capture the criminal on the spot is not a easy matter. Amidst a lost of confusion and panic it requires a cool head to act. This detection has , I hope put a stop to any recurrence of this dangerous nature

nature for a long time to come. The Patel of the village, the 2nd P.W, has also done very good work in this connection. He has not only averted looting in the previous weeks when there was apprehension but also acted very boldly in seizing the culprits when actually loot was committed. The Police would do well to take necessary action against the 6th prosecution witness. I also suspect that some property may have reached the villagers of Melekote. A few budmashes of Melekote have lately assisted the looters. The Police may overhaul the suspicious population of Melekote village with good results I hope.

12. The Court finds that 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th 6th, 7th & 9th accused - Munisami, C. Muniya, Narasa, Lagumi, Beera, Hanumantha, Vobali and K. Muniga are guilty of the offence charged with viz. of rioting and theft punishable under sections 147 & 379 I.P.C and the said accused are convicted and sentenced as follows under section 258 (2) C.P.C.

| No. & name of accused. | Under Sec.147 | Under Sec. 379 | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st accused Munisami | 5 months R.I. | 4 months R.I. | 9 months R. |
| 2nd ,, C.Muniya | 5 months R.I | 4 months R.I. | 9 months R. |
| 9th ,, K.Muniya | 5 months R.I. | 4 months R.I. | 9 months R. |
| 3rd ,, Narasa | 3 months R.I. | 3 months R.I. | 6 months R. |
| 5th ,, Beera | 3 months R.I. | 3 months R.I. | 6 months R. |
| 6th ,, Hanumantha | 3 months R.I. | 3 months R.I. | 6 months R. |
| 7th ,, Vobaliga | 3 months R.I. | 3 months R.I. | 6 months R. |
| 4th ,, Lagumi | 1 month simple imprisonment | 1 month simple imprisonment | 2 months |

The sentences are to run consecutively. The 8th accused is acquitted under section 258 (1) C.P.C. The clothes will be returned to the respective owners in due course. Pronounced in the open Court this day.

Dodballapur, 11-10-1918.

Sd) M. Kesaviah.
2nd Class Magistrate.

"Extract"

Dy. Commr.
Bangalore Dist.